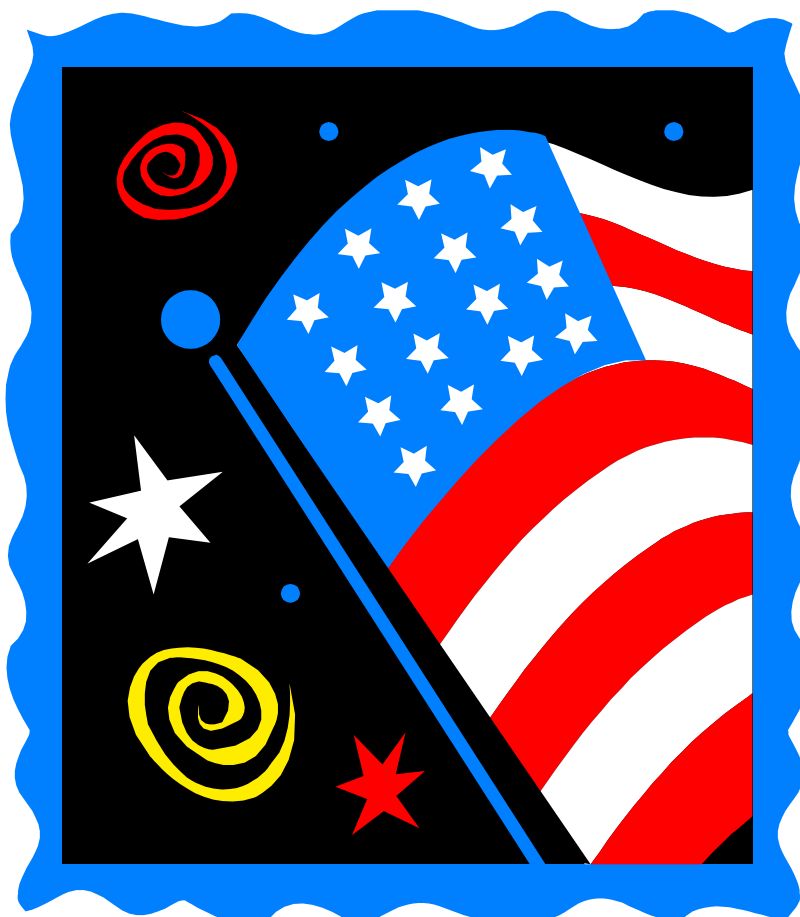


American Patriotism



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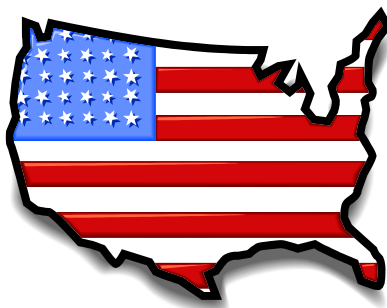
Cost: \$2.00 each, plus tax



Purpose: To help girls learn more about our national flag, our country's freedom, and why we should be proud to be Americans.

Pre-Requisites: Be able to say the Pledge of Allegiance and know the proper way to salute our national flag.

Requirements: To earn the patch, complete ten (10) requirements, including the one starred. This patch may be completed individually or as a troop.



Activities

1. **Documented:** Read at least one document that has made our freedom possible. Find out what our forefathers did to ensure our freedom, when, and where it was signed.
 - a. You may also watch a documentary about what has made our freedom possible. Discuss what our forefathers did to ensure our freedom.
2. **Sing a Song:** Learn to sing at least two patriotic songs. Teach them to a younger troop, a group of younger children, or at a special gathering outside your troop.
3. **Picture This:** Make a giant poster or collage of flag pictures. Have each troop member contribute pictures and tell about her pictures.
4. **Interviews:** Have each girl in the troop interview five adults and discuss patriotism. Some questions to ask are:
 - a. What do you know about our flag?
 - b. What are your feelings about our country?
 - c. What kind of feelings do you get when you say the Pledge of Allegiance or hear our National Anthem?Take notes of each interview and discuss your findings in a troop meeting or with your family.
5. *** Journal It:** As a troop or individual, keep a diary or photo journal of your findings while working on this patch program.
6. **Find It:** With your troop or family, do one of the following:
 - a. Visit a historical place in the United States where documents of freedom have been signed. OR
 - b. On a United States map, highlight a historical place where documents of freedom have been signed.Also, learn what event happened there.
7. **Correspond:** Send cards or letters to service people serving outside of our country.
8. **Display:** Make a public display (preferably around a flag holiday) about our flag and patriotism to educate others. Example: bulletin board at school, church, mall or in three-dimensional form.
9. **Represent:** What does our national flag represent – both symbolically and its meaning to our country. Discuss this with your troop or family.
10. **Let it Wave:** Find out the proper ways to display our national flag for the following:
 - a. general display
 - b. in parades and ceremonies
 - c. on vehicles
 - d. in corridors and lobbies
 - e. in churches and auditoriums
 - f. during the National Anthem



g. on caskets

11. **Learn the Language:** Learn flag language and make a game for others to play using it – color bearer, flag bearer, “Old Glory”, half-mast, breaking, striking, colors, salute, hoist, staff, and dip.
12. **Disposal:** Find out when it is necessary to dispose of a flag and how to dispose of it. Teach a younger troop or group of children or your family.
13. **Serve:** Research ways you can serve your country.
14. **Invite a Guest:** Invite someone to your troop meeting who has served his/her country to talk about patriotism, our flag, and what freedom means to him/her.
15. **Share:** Write a poem or essay about patriotism. Submit it to your local newspaper, the council newspaper, or your school paper.
16. **History:** Learn the history behind the Pledge of Allegiance
17. **Plant a Tree:** Plant a tree as a “Living Legacy” to stand for the hope of the future.
18. **Debate:** Pick a theme/topic related to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and plan and participate in a debate concerning this topic.
19. **Design:** Make up a logo/theme about “What patriotism means to you”, and put it on a t-shirt, hat, or other apparel that will be visible to others.
20. **Patriotic Women:** Find out the names of at least two women in history. Also, find out what they did to make a contribution to the freedom of our country and share with your troop.
21. **Flag Ceremony:** Hold a flag ceremony as a troop.
22. **Naturalization Ceremony:** Attend an Immigration & Naturalization Ceremony. Participate in performing patriot music or leading the flag ceremony.
<http://www.nced.uscourts.gov/public1/immigration.aspx>

